

PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOAD BALANCING IN SYSTEMS HAVING
REDUNDANCY

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APPEAL BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.37

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated October 25, 2006, Applicant is submitting herewith a new Appeal Brief that obviates the deficiency noted in the Notification.

In particular, Applicant has addressed the issues identified in the Notification. Specifically, Applicant has included a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the new brief complies with the rules and therefore requests an Examiner's Answer.

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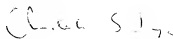
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